and presently call the rest of the watch together, and thanke god you are ridde of a knaue.

Verges If he wil not stand when he is bidden, he is none of the Princes subiects.

Dogbery True, and they are to meddle with none but the Princes subiects: you shall also make no noise in the streetes: for, for the watch to babble and to talke, is most tollerable, and not to be indured.

Watch We will rather sleepe than talke, we know what belongs to a watch.

Dogbery Why you speake like an antient and most quiet watchman, for I cannot see how sleeping should offend: onely haue a care that your billes bee not stolne: well, you are to cal at al the alehouses, and bid those that are drunke get them to bed.

Watch How if they will not?

Dogbery Why then let them alone til they are sober, if they make you not then the better answer, you may say, they are not the men you tooke them for.

Watch Well sir.

Dogbery If you meete a thiefe, you may suspect him, by vertue of your office, to be no true man: and for such kind of men, the lesse you meddle or make with them, why the more is for your honesty.

Watch If we know him to be a thiefe, shal we not lay hands on him?

Dogbery Truely by your office you may, but I thinke they that touch pitch will be defilde: the most peaceable way for you, if you doe take a thiefe, is, to let him shew himselfe what he is, and steale out of your companie.

Verges You haue beene alwayes called a mercifull manne, partner.

Dog. Truely I would not hang a dogge by my will, much more a man who hath anie honestie in him.

Verges If you heare a child crie in the night you must call to the nurse and bid her stil it.

Watch How if the nurse be asleepe and will not heare vs.

Dog.

Dog. Why then depart i
with crying, for the ewe th
baes, will neuer answer a cal

Verges Tis very true.

Dog. This is the end of
present the princes owne pe
might, you may stay him.

Verges Nay birlady that

Dog. Fiue shillings to o
the statutes, he may stay him
willing, for indeed the watch
an offence to stay a man aga

Verges Birlady I thinke

Dog. Ha ah ha, wel ma
matter of weight chaunces,
counsailes, and your owne
hour.

Watch Well masters, we
here vppon the church be
bed.

Dog. One word more, ho
about signior Leonatoes doc
morrow, there is a great coy
seech you.

Enter Borach

Bor. What Conrade?

Watch Peace, stir not.

Bor. Conrade I say.

Con. Here man, I am at th

Bor. Mas and my elbow
scabbe follow.

Con. I will owe thee an a
with thy tale.

Bor. Stand thee close th
drissell raine, and I will, lik
thee.

Watch Some treason mas